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1. DELEGATION OUTLINED US TACTICS FOR DEALING WITH PROPOSALS FOR EXPANDED MEDITERRANEAN CONTENT IN CSCE AT NATO CAUCUS CONFIDENTIAL

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JAN 27. PREDICTABLY, FRENCH AND ITALIAN REPS ARGUED THAT

ALLIES SHOULD SHOW MAXIMUM UNDERSTANDING FOR MALTESE AND OTHERS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN MEDITERRANEAN ASPECTS OF CSCE. THEY ADVOCATED A "CONCILIATORY" APPROACH TOWARD MALTESE PAPER AND POSSIBLE FURTHER MEDITARRANEAN IDES, IN EXPECTATION THAT, GIVEN GENERAL LACK OF SUPPORT, THEY WILL DIE NATURALLY. ONLY OTHER ALLY TO EXPRESS A GENERAL VIEW WAS UK, WHO ADVOCATED CAUTIOUS "WAIT AND SEE" APPROACH. WE INDICATED WE PLANNED TO PURSUE OUR TACTICS, AS INSTRUCTED, AND WULD CONSULT CLOSELY WITH NATO CAUCUS AS NEGOTIATIONS ON MEDITERRANEAN DECLARATION MOVE FORWARD.

2. ITALIANS, FRENCH AND UK INDICATED THEY HAD IMPRESSION ARAB NON-PARTICIPATING MEDITERRANEAN STATES (NPMS) HAD LOST INTEREST IN POSSIBLE ADVANTAGES WHICH THEY EARLIER THOUGHT COULD BE DERIVED FROM EXTENTION OF CSCE PROVISIONS, SUCH AS PRINCIPLES FROM CBMS, TO ENTIRE MEDITERRANEAN. THESE ALLIES HAVE CONCLUDED THAT MALTESE MAY THUS HAVE A WEAKER BASIS FOR MAKING A SCENE OVER THE MEDITERRANEAN ISSUE DURING THE FINAL DAYS OF STATE II, OR AT STAGE III. NEVERTHELESS, WE UNDERSTAND FROM PRIVATE CONTACTS THAT THERE IS CONSIDERABLE INTEREST AMONG CSCE MEDITERRANEAN COUNTRIES IN AN NPMS ROLE IN STAGE III AND/OR FOLLOW-UP. DALE

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